News Review of Current Events the World Over

League of Nations Council, Still Hoping for Peace, Moves to Curb Italy—American Legion Condemns All Un-American Isms.

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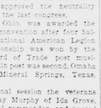
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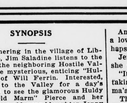
STAR DUST
Movie • Radio

By VIRGINIA VALE

PROBABLY one of the most dramatic things that has ever happened in connection with the making of movie pictures was the kidnaping of seven Dionne quintuplets, exactly like those six young gangsters recently.

Instead of murdering a collector for ransom, however, the six stage people who defeated the rugs, cracks in the walls and other likely breeding places for germs thoroughly with one of the liquid spray insecticides.


"He Hit Me!"

But the deep silence was broken presently, by a sound, sharp and startling; and at the same time Hulda rose sudden, as though a chair had overturned and fallen on a rotten floor.

Jenny heard it with half her mind; and a moment later she heard a stir in the kitchen and movement there, and voices too. Yet it was as though these things were far off, remote from her and from the world in which she must hereafter dwell.

A world forever shadowed by the knowledge that Will, no matter under what ugly provocation, had struck this last blow to her destruction in the end.

Will, whom Jenny loved.

Blind, spinning chaos whirled like stars through the girl's thoughts; but through this chaos like a lightning stroke came her grandmother's voice. Mrs. Pierce called, from the kitchen:

"Jenny, I'm opening the door!"

And at once she did so; but that meant not for Jenny an eternity, in which she had time to comprehend, and to consider, and desperately plan. When she whirled to face them, she was already resolute that this dark secret none but herself should ever know; yet her own countenance might betray her to the old woman's shrewdly understanding eye.

Nevertheless she must face them; and she whirled toward the door, standing with her arms spread as though to hide from behind her, as though half fearful that even now Hulda would speak again. And she sought desperately some expedient to divert their eyes from her, their minds from her, lest her secret be too desperately plain.

For—secret it must be! Though this hour must shadow and distort her whole life hereafter, yet none should ever know.

The door opened and Marm Pierce came in, came toward her; but the old woman's eyes and mind were on Hulda, and Jenny made way for her to come to the dead woman's side. Yet she felt Saladine's glance upon her, and fought desperately for composure; and then Marm Pierce said soberly:

"No use now!"

Bart asked huskily: "She's dead?"

"Certain, she's dead."

Bart spoke to the girl, in a quick whisper. "Jenny, did she come to at all?" he asked.

Jenny wetted her lips; but she could not speak. She could only move her head in desperate denial; and there was a dreadful, shaken terror in her. Then Marm Pierce demanded irritably:

"Well, Jen! What you gozzling at? Folks have died before!"

So Jenny found an expedient to turn her scrutiny away from herself. She remembered that toppling chair.

"There's someone in the Win-side the house," she said; and with a vast surge of relief saw their glances swing that way.

When Jenny had closed the door, shutting herself into the dining room where Huldy lay, Marm Pierce said insistently to Bart:

"You go along and fetch Will. Not that hurrying can help her; but Will had ought to know."

"I might do some help here," Bart still protested.

Marm Pierce spoke to Saladine. "Set down, you," she bade him. "I'll I can rub that ankle of yours." And then, over her shoulder, to Bart still lingering:

"Well then, go out in the hen pen and get me some feathers."

"Feathers?" he echoed.

"I'll burn 'em under her nose. Might make her gasp and gag and start breathing. Don't stand there arguing. Go along with you!"

So Bart went out through the shed, and Saladine said gravely: "Ma'am, this ankle of mine can wait, if you can be doing anything for her."

"There's nought to do for Huldy Ferrin now," she told him in slow tones, and tossed her head. "And I dunno as I'd do it if there was: But I'll have to wait till the boys get back how. Might as well be doing this as setting here."

He suggested: "You sent Carey to get some feathers. If there's no chance, why, . . ."

She retorted: "I got fidgety with him hanging around." And after a silent moment she looked toward the dining room, as though her thoughts turned that way.

Saladine asked: "How do you reckon Mis' Ferrin come to fall?"

"I want to know," said old Marm Pierce, and Jim stirred in quick attention. The phrase was usual enough, as an expression of surprise and interest and wonder; yet Saladine thought her accent and her intonation had not been usual.

There was a stir in the shed, and Bart returned. She looked over her shoulder, saw him empty-handed. "Where's them feathers?" she demanded.

Bart seemed faintly to hesitate. "I couldn't find a dry one anywhere," he declared. "The rain has wet them all!"

She protested irritably: "Land sakes, I shd think you could find a dry one somewhere! You come along of me!" And she said to Jim, pointing toward the stove: "Let that boil up good, and then set it to cool. I'll be back in a minute to try it on her."

He nodded, and she went out through the shed with Bart on her heels; and Saladine was left wondering why old Marm Pierce was so bent on finding feathers to burn under Huldy's nose, if there was in fact no chance that the hurt woman could revive. Then suddenly his hair prickled faintly; for it seemed to him there was a low murmur in the dining room.

And a chair toppled over, something heavier and more solid than a thing. Saladine came to his feet, half crouching, ready for any apparition; but nothing did appear, nor did he hear any further sound.

Yet he felt, suddenly, fottemess all around; and he remembered that this was a house divided, half of it crumbling in a gangrenous decay. That toppling chair—if it was a falling chair which he had heard—might be a rotten in the disused part of the house. There must be many sly, secret places, there, of sodden plaster fell on rainy days, or beams gave way. . . .

The pot on the stove boiled, and as he lifted it, Marm Pierce and Bart returned, and the old woman held a tuft of feathers in her hands. . . .

"Men are all blind as bats!" she exclaimed irascibly. She set the boiling pot. "Now we'll try if there's anything to do!" And she went directly to the door between kitchen and dining room. "Jenny, I'm opening the door!" she called, and waited a moment and then made good her word.

So they came into the dining room, and learned that Huldy was dead; and when Jenny said there was some one in the Win-side of the house, Saladine remembered that sound of a falling chair; and there seemed to him something hideous in the thought that anyone should prowl through those moldering and empty rooms while a woman here was dying. But Bart said reassuringly:

"That's likely Win, Granny. He stayed at my place last night. He set out to go to Liberty this morning, but he might stop by here!"

The old woman assented scornfully: "He would if he was drunk enough; you go along, Bart, and fetch Will, and don't waste no more time."

So Bart at last departed; but Saladine paid no particular attention to his going. He was watching Jenny, puzzled by something in her eyes he could not read. He had seen in her a white ago deep terror, unmistakable; yet now it was gone. She had put on composure, and a steady courage; and he wondered, and wished to read her mind.

There was nothing to keep Saladine here; yet he stayed, and with a sense of waiting, an acute expectancy. He thought more and more of Jenny, remembering her terror at the sight of death, and the shadow in her eyes. Life for her must in the end center about some man. Bart Carey, perhaps? Bart stood straight, and his eye was bold and strong. It was suddenly strange to Saladine that Bart and Jenny were not married long ago. They were neighbors, of a like age, both comely with the splendor of youth, their interests akin. Between them no obstacle appeared.

Unless old Marm Pierce were an obstacle? Yet Saladine thought she had met Bart kindly today, treated him with courtesy. This might be guile; she might, while appearing to approve, nevertheless check in every possible way the tendency of these two lives to flow together. Inconsequently, Saladine recalled the heavy rootstock of the water lily, which Jenny had fetched that morning from the brook. Some shadow of a forgotten memory stirred in him, and was gone without recognition; yet this memory would recur. It was one of the intangibles which made the whole of this day like a disordered dream.

The root itself was tangible enough; yet there were implications in it, just as there were implications in that peg Will Ferrin wore, and the cowboy hat so jauntily set atop the bowed and humble head of Zeke Dace, and the knotted rope that held Huldy Ferrin's garment about her, and the bear prints on the fisherman's trail beside the brook, which had somehow ended without Saladine's remarking where they turned aside.

But most of all he thought of Huldy, and wondered how she came to fail to her death this day.

Then suddenly the dining room door opened, and Jenny came out into the kitchen, the old woman following her. "I'd best go myself," Jenny insisted; and Saladine saw a sort of stubborn haste in her eyes.

Marm Pierce protested: "Like enough Will and Bart will remember to bring something."

"Not Will," Jenny retorted. Her voice was gentle as she spoke the name. "A man wouldn't think of it. And it isn't for men to do, anyway." Rummaging through her things." She took down a heavy oilskin coat from behind the kitchen door. "I'll go myself," she said. "If I meet Will, I'll have him come on here, case you need anything. I'll get what's wanted and fetch it."

Saladine asked: "Anything I can do?"

But Jenny said: "I'm going after some clothes for her. The ones she's got on are all wet. I could dress her in something of mine, but she wouldn't want that. She'd want her own things. You stay here with Granny," she requested, and he nodded.

Then she was gone.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Tea-Drinking Habit Old in China Many Years Ago

Tea seems to be China a thousand years before its first importation into England in 1657, says London Tit-Bits Magazine. Our very word "tea" is simply the Chinese "tsha" or "ch'a," and the earliest known description and illustration of a teapot is in a work by one, Lu Yu, in the Eighth century. There may be seen the true teapot, complete with lid, spout, and handle, though its shape more resembles the modern coffee pot, being tall, slender, and with a long spout.

The original method of making tea would not commend itself to the housewife, for the Chinese filled the teapot with cold water, added the tea leaves, and then boiled the infusion slowly, thus making the teapot do duty as a kettle as well. The Chinese, however, added a little sugar even in early days, but never milk, and they never substituted lemon juice for sugar as the Russians do. The cultivation of tea in India and Ceylon is quite recent, but it has now almost superseded the China variety, which for two centuries was drunk in this country almost exclusively, and remained an expensive luxury well into the last century.

Theories Concerning Cosmic Rays

There are current three tentative theories concerning the origin and nature of cosmic rays. The most inspiring and philosophically or spiritually significant of the three is that the rays result from the formation of heavy atoms in interstellar space, a process which perpetually re-creates the universe, and will prevent it from running down like a clock. Thus adequate knowledge of the rays may contribute to a solution of the riddle of the universe.

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Lesson for October 13

THE STORY OF JEREMIAH

LESSON TEXT—Jeremiah 1:4-10; 20:1, 2.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt go to all that I send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Jeremiah 1:7.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Story of Jeremiah.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Story of Jeremiah.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Taking a Stand for God.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Attacking Entrenched Evils.

1. Jeremiah's Call (1:1-10).

1. It was pre-natal (vv. 4, 5). Before Jeremiah was born God ordained him a prophet to the nations.

2. His diffidence (v. 6). This seems to have grown out of his youth and inexperience.

3. His hesitancy overcome (vv. 7, 8). God graciously appeared to him and made clear that he should go where sent, speak as commanded, and to be not afraid of the faces of his enemies. This was accompanied by the assurance of the divine presence. It matters little as to the strength of the foe if the presence of God is with the messenger.

4. The divine message given (v 9). The very words were put into the prophet's mouth, not merely the thoughts but the proper words to express the thoughts.

5. The nature of his ministry (v. 10). It was to be wider than that of prophesying. Six words were given as descriptive thereof. The first four are destructive in their implication: "root out," "pull down," "destroy," and "throw down." The last two are constructive; "build" and "plant." The destructive precedes the constructive.

II. Jeremiah's Grief (9:1).

The conduct of the people made him feel that his efforts were fruitless. Seeing so clearly the awful doom which awaited this people, he wept sorely. The true prophet of God always takes to heart the seriousness of his ministry and sorely grieves over the wicked unbelief of the people.

III. Jeremiah's Prophecy in the Temple Court (20:1-24).

1. Jeremiah's solemn warning to Pashur (vv. 1-6). The Lord commanded him to stand in a conspicuous place in the Temple and proclaim the judgment which was about to fall upon them. The object was to provoke them to repentance. If they did not repent, God would make the Temple as Shiloh. Shiloh was once the dwelling place of God; now it had fallen into decay. So will it be with the Temple. Jeremiah was moved to speak the words which his Lord had told him and not to diminish a word.

2. Jeremiah on trial (vv. 9-11).

a. Cause of arrest. He was arrested for speaking all that the Lord had commanded him.

b. The charge (vv. 8, 9). They charged him with a capital crime, which involved prejudging to speak for God and speaking against the Temple and the city. This would make him to be guilty of blasphemy and sacrilege, both of which were to be punished by death (Deut. 18:20; Lev. 24:16).

c. The princes sit in judgment (vv. 10, 11). We thus see that matters of state were not entirely in the hands of priests, but in part were controlled by members of the royal family.

3. Jeremiah's defense (vv. 12-15). Threats of death did not deter him from preaching, but only inspired him to greater boldness with clearness and tenderness.

4. Reiterated the divine commission.

b. He urged them to amend their ways and to obey God and thus avert the divine judgment (v. 13).

c. He gave himself up (v. 14). He did not resist the powers of government. Knowing that God had sent him, he was content to trust God for deliverance.

d. Warns of fatal consequences. He frankly told them that God had sent him and if they killed him they would be guilty in